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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted as a comprehensive response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 20, 2001.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 20, 2001 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-8 are pending in this application and are submitted for consideration.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,734,731 to Marx (hereinafter, "Marx"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submit that Marx fails to describe each and every feature of the claims.

Claim 1 defines an audio signal processing apparatus capable of changing the tempo of an input audio signal. The apparatus includes a magnification designating